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GROWING INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR AZALEAS

Upon arrival of your Azaleas, unpack as soon as possible, and if dirt about the roots seems dry place the plants in a tub of water for at least an hour until the dirt balls are well soaked. If it is impossible to plant at once dig a shallow trench and place the plants in this trench and cover the root balls with soil. This will keep the plants fresh and in good condition until you are able to plant them in their permanent location.

Regarding the Depth to Plant

The Azaleas, botanically are known as Rhododendrons. The root development of this family of plants is extremely fibrous. All of the Azaleas are

surface feeders, and the main bulk of their roots are located near and on the surface. Another interesting feature about your Azaleas is that they make roots up the main stem or trunk. Therefore, in planting do not be afraid of getting them too deep. The dirt line is visible on all nursery grown Azaleas and if yours are planted to the same depth you will have no trouble.

Soil Your Azaleas Like Best

If you have a good rich garden loam, free from lime, for Azaleas will not thrive where there is lime in the soil, you have an ideal soil for your Azaleas. It is not necessary to go to a lot of bother getting decayed leaves to plant them in. Of course if you have leaf-mold it would be wise to use it. In the Fall of the year it is a good plan to put a layer of leaves about the surface, allowing this to naturally decay. Never use grass cuttings about the roots; this heats and burns the tender hair-like roots. Plant your Azaleas as you would any other nursery grown plant of its size. Use your fingers to firm the soil about the root ball.

After Planting Care For Your Azaleas

The Azaleas are really very simple to care for, because when once established they will take care of themselves. There are two points to bear in mind. One is, never allow anyone to hoe or dig about your Azaleas. If weeding is necessary have them use their fingers to pull the weeds. Another thing is never allow fresh barnyard manure to be used as a mulch. A small amount of very well rotted cow manure carefully worked in the soil

about the roots will do no harm if you feel it necessary to feed them. Azaleas set their flower buds in the Fall for Spring bloom. This is important to know because if your Azaleas are fed too much they will not stop growing in time to set their flowering buds.

Give your Azaleas plenty of water during the summer and never allow them to dry out.

Where to Plant Your Azaleas

In selecting a location for planting, bear this in mind: Plant them where they will be sheltered from the cold north winds. Azaleas are better if planted in a group. In this manner they protect each other and then, too, the massed effect when in bloom is far more effective. They like partial shade, but not dense shade. The Mollis type like bright sunshine. Nestled along the shrubbery border or evergreen border would be a fine location or perhaps you have a rock garden; there, too, they would be happy. Along a winding path masses of Azaleas are always pleasing. If you wish to plant them in a solid bed, arrange the evergreen types in the foreground and use the deciduous types as a background. A few stately evergreens used in your planting will bring out the colors of your Azaleas in a very pleasing manner. Plant evergreen types 24 inches apart and deciduous types three feet apart.

Winter Protection

If you have hard long winters it will be necessary for you to protect your Azaleas, as you care for your roses, etc. Buds form the best protection, but

nevertheless it would be wise to cover your plants with a leaf mulch or straw held down by wire netting.

General Remarks

We want your Azaleas to be a joy in your garden and want you to feel free to write us at any time and ask our help in solving your problems. We like to hear from our friends we send to live with you and trust you will let us know from time to time how they are doing. We are growing nothing but Azaleas and we think a great deal of every plant we grow. They are all our friends and we want them to be your friends. We carry all types of Azaleas and if you are interested we would enjoy mailing you one of our colored catalogues.

LIST OF AZALEAS IN DEVELOPMENT AND READY FOR YOUR GARDEN:

Azalea Kaempferi	Azalea Benegiri
Azalea Yaye-giri	Azalea Indica
Azalea Mucronulatum	Azalea Kurume
Azalea Hinomayo	Azalea Japonica
Azalea Maxwellii	Azalea Mollis
Azalea Occidentalis	Azalea Hexe
Azalea Vaseyi	Azalea Kimnazoi
Azalea Viscosa	Azalea Lorraine
Azalea Nudiflora	Azalea Marie Louise
Azalea Flame Creeper	Azalea Charles Encke
Azalea Hinodegiri	Azalea Schlippenbachi
Azalea Amoena Superba	Azalea Calendulacea
Azalea Macrantha Fl. Pl.	

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